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The following is the text of a leaflet distributed among members of the Information Service of the SED in Magdeburg:

SOZIALISTISCHE EINHEITSPARTEI DEUTSCHLANDS
Kreis Magdeburg

Information Service

Magdeburg, 3 January 1947, Hegelstrasse 42, Iz/R, Circular 1/47.

To Comrades of the Information Service in Industrial and Local
Committees of Kreis Magdeburg.

Dear Comrades:

The activities of members of the Information Service during the past few weeks have not been up to the standards required by this very essential function; you should realize that the Information Service is one of the most important branches within our party. Since you, dear Comrade, have been appointed as a member of the Information Service, we request you to support this function with your cooperation more than you have done in the past. Submission of reports is of paramount importance. We are in constant need of news and reports on all important happenings, especially on attitudes and opinions of the population.

During the month of January special reports are to be made on the following:

1. How does the population react to the general political situation? Specifically what is public opinion on the problem of the Saar, and the Moscow Conference.
2. The activities of the Church.

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Reporting on the second of the January assignments, we ask you to use more than ordinary conscientiousness. It is imperative that you do the following: Go to the divine services and determine personally whether the sermons are purely religious in character. Are they of

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such nature that they can wholesomely influence the democratic development of the population? Or is it being attempted in guise of sermons, and through trickery of words, to lead the churchgoers away from the democratic path? We are also interested in establishing whether the pastors make any attempt in their sermons to point out to the population the real war criminals and those responsible for the present miserable situation of the population.

The tasks for January were not determined by chance, and we request you to pay particular attention to reporting on the subjects.

With socialistic greetings

SMD Kreis Magdeburg
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